



Lincoln Chapter Association of Government Accountants - Advancing Government Accountability

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Newsletter – January, 2020

Presidents Message

My year as the Chapter's President is going very quickly and it is time to begin planning for next year. **Without a President Elect I am beginning to put together next year's Chapter Executive Committee (CEC).** The CEC is a great way to get more involved in AGA. Some of the Chapter Committees are set up with Co-Director's. As a new CEC member you can work with other experienced members. It is also a great way to share the projects. If you are interested in serving on the CEC or would like more information about the CEC please contact myself or any current CEC member. CEC member info can be found in the newsletter or on the website.

On January 28th Jeff Filbert, Frank Faughn and myself attended the UNL Meet the Firms event. We had a great opportunity to talk to accounting and finance students about Government at all levels as an employer of choice and the advantages of AGA membership as a student or young professional.

Make sure to check your calendars and sign up to help with the Jr. Achievement Bowl-a-Thon. They really need and appreciate our help to help verify donations per session/per team and to put together a bank deposit at the end of each session. Please contact Jessica Elliot for more information jessica.elliott@nebraska.gov.

It is AGA membership renewal time. Recently AGA National sent out email membership reminders. The email includes the log in information needed to renew on line. The Lincoln Chapter doesn't have a Chapter membership cost. If an approval is required prior to processing your renewal, an invoice can be printed out. The State's PCard can be used to renew your membership on line.

Ann Martinez 19-20 Chapter President

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AGA Lincoln February 2020 Chapter Meeting

Bring a guest and their lunch is free.

Date: Wednesday, February 5

Time: 11:45 pm -1:00 pm

Location: Tico’s – 317 South 17th Street

Speaker: Frank Faughn

Topic: Taxes

Calendar of Events

2020

February 5 - Wednesday – Chapter Meeting – Tico’s
February 20 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – Room B
March 4 - Wednesday – Chapter Meeting – Location TBD
March 18 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – Room B
March 18 - Wednesday - AGA National Free Webinar
March 25 – Wednesday – Webinar – Cybersecurity – 1526 LL
April 8 - Wednesday – Chapter Meeting – Location TBD
April 15 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – Room B
May 6 - Wednesday – Chapter Meeting – Location TBD
May 14 – Thursday – Spring Professional Development Training At Innovation Campus
May 20 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – Room B
June 26 - Thursday - AGA National Free Webinar

Spring Professional Development Training (PDT)

The Spring PDT will be held Wednesday, May 14 at Innovation Campus. Topics and speakers are yet to be decided.

Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) Vacancies

The Director of Professional Certification and President-elect positions are open to be filled for the 2019-2020 AGA year. Please contact Ann if you are interested in joining the CEC.

Community Service

Hello AGA Members,

Every February Lincoln Chapter AGA helps out with counting and recording money for the Junior Achievement Bowl-a-thon.

Last year, the bowl-a-thon was cancelled due to bad weather so we would like to give them a good AGA turn out this year.

Times and locations for the Bowl-a-thon are listed below. They need 3 people per time slot so please check and double check your schedules so we can show our appreciation for such a great cause.

Friday, February 21 at Hollywood Bowl:

- 5:30 pm -8:00 pm

Friday, February 21 at Parkway Lanes:

- 5:30 pm -8:00 pm

Saturday, February 22 at Hollywood Bowl:

- 9:30 am -12:00 pm
- 11:30 am -2:00 pm
- 1:30 pm -4:00 pm
- 3:30 pm -6:00 pm
- 5:30 pm -8:00 pm
- 7:30 pm -10:00 pm

Saturday, February 22 at Parkway Lanes:

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- 9:30 am -12:00 pm
- 11:30 am -2:00 pm
- 1:30 pm -4:00 pm
- 3:30 pm -6:00 pm – AGA has 1 member signed up for this slot
- 5:30 pm -8:00 pm – AGA has 2 members signed up for this slot
- 7:30 pm -10:00 pm

Friday, February 28 at Sun Valley Lanes

- 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm – AGA has 2 members signed up

Saturday, February 29 at Sun Valley Lanes

- 12:30 pm -3:00 pm – AGA has 1 member signed up

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jessica Elliott at Jessica.elliott@nebraska.gov or call at 402-471-1242.

Thanks,

Your Lincoln Chapter AGA Community Service Director - Jessica Elliott.

AGA National Free Webinars

AGA members enjoy multiple free learning opportunities throughout the year. AGA National is offering free webinars to members. The dates are March 18, 2020, and June 26, 2020. Learn more about topics, registration, and credit at <https://www.agacgfm.org/Webinars/Free-Members-only-Webinars.aspx>

Lincoln Chapter Facebook

Go to the AGA Lincoln Chapter Facebook page to stay up to date on AGA Lincoln Chapter events.

<https://www.facebook.com/Lincoln-Chapter-Association-of-Government-Accountants-138602086282831/>

Lincoln Chapter Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 12:02pm by Ann Martinez, President. This meeting was held at DaVinci's restaurant, 11th and G Streets, Lincoln.

Ann first asked if there were any guests to introduce. Paul Koehler attended.

Ann announced the Junior Achievement fundraiser Bowl-a-thon will be conducted in February. This year a third location has been added. These locations will be Parkway Lanes, Hollywood Bowl, and Sun Valley Lanes. See the next newsletter for the shifts available. AGA members will assist by counting the funds received. Ann also announced that the spring PDT will be held May 14 on Innovation Campus. Topics and speakers are yet TBD. See future newsletters for more information.

Ann mentioned the elections will be held in April for Chapter officers and directors for next year. She invited persons to consider serving on the board. Also, members' renewals are now due by March 31.

Ann had Jeff Filbert report on future Chapter meetings. The February meeting and speaker are yet TBD. Details about this meeting will be emailed to everyone. The March meeting will likely be at Tico's. Speaker TBD. Jeff then introduced the speaker, Phil Olsen, State Accounting Administrator. He spoke about the annual Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the State of Nebraska fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. This was completed and submitted December 19.

The raffle was then conducted. The winner was Jessica Elliott.

The meeting was adjourned.

Ken Rouch, Secretary

Lincoln Chapter CEC Meeting Minutes – January 15, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 12:00pm by Ann Martinez, President. A quorum was present.

Ann announced that Lincoln Chapter's delegate to the National Council of Chapters needs to be selected and submitted by January 25. Tim Baker offered to serve again for the ensuing year. Frank Faughn moved that Baker be selected, Dan Albrecht seconded the motion, and it passed.

Discussion followed regarding webinars. The February topic will be GASB updates. Others were considered. It was decided we will use the AGA National March 25 webinar on Cyber Security. This will be held at 1526 K St, training room. We may use others later this spring.

Future Chapter meetings were discussed. Jeff Filbert reported that the February Chapter meeting will be at Tico's. Tentatively, Ed Toner, CIO, is scheduled to speak. It was agreed the DaVinci's location in January was successful.

Membership and Young Professionals was discussed. A Meet the Firms event is coming up January 28, Student Union, 2nd floor, hosted by the UNL Accounting Fraternity, Beta Alpha Psi. By CEC consensus, our Chapter will participate. The fee is \$200.

For Community Service it was announced that the Junior Achievement annual fundraiser, Bowl-a-thon, is coming in February. Three locations will be Parkway Lanes, Hollywood Bowl, and Sun Valley Lanes. Shifts are available for signing up to volunteer.

There were no reports on Accountability & Outreach and Professional Certification. We still want a presentation at a Chapter meeting of our CCR report submitted last September. With no Director of Professional Certification, and CGFM month in March soon approaching, Ken Rouch volunteered to contact former director Candace Meredith to learn what activities she conducted for this special month including State and City proclamations.

Tim Baker spoke about Chapter Sponsorships. Three companies are still considering sponsorships.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Dan Albrecht. Frank moved to accept the report, Baker seconded the motion, and it passed.

For the Secretary's report, Ken announced the December Chapter and CEC meeting minutes were published in the newsletter and asked for any corrections. Hearing none, he moved acceptance, Frank seconded the motion, and it passed.

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Ken Rouch, Secretary

Members in the News

If you or someone you know has made a career change, had another significant life experience, or otherwise has news to share please email Frank Faughn – Chapter Membership Director at frank.faughn@nebraska.gov

CGFM Apparel

Looking to purchase a shirt with the CGFM designation? Whether you're at work, out in town, at a conference or on the golf course, show everyone how proud you are of your CGFM designation by wearing CGFM apparel. Buy yours today! Note: White shirts will be embroidered with the red and gold CGFM logo, and red shirts will be embroidered with an all gold logo. A \$5.95 logo embroidery fee will be added to each item purchased.

Please visit the AGA store at: <http://business.landsend.com/store/agamembership>

CGFM Study Guides

The Chapter has purchased new CGFM study guides. Please contact Ann Martinez for more information.

Speakers and Topics

If you have any suggestions for speakers or topics for chapter meetings please call or email Lily Kathee, NMLS MBA 402-471-0601 Lily.Kathee@nebraska.gov or Jeff Filbert 402-472-8044 or jfilbert4@unl.edu.

Guests

Bring a guest to a Chapter meeting. They will get a free lunch. If they join you get a free lunch.

Email Addresses

Please remember to send any email address changes to Tim Channer so the mailing list can be updated. Thanks

TREASURER'S REPORT					
2019-2020					
Year 6-2018 to 5-2019	Budget	To Date	Remaining		
				December 1, 2019	\$13,385.55
Receipts:					
Spring Conference	\$7,390.00	\$0.00	(\$7,390.00)	Receipts:	
Fall Conference	\$7,390.00	\$4,430.00	(\$2,960.00)	Fall PDT	\$0.00
Other Educational Events	\$600.00	\$50.00	(\$550.00)	Other Educational Events	\$0.00
Corporate Sponsors	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	(\$2,000.00)	CD-Deposit	\$0.00
Misc. Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Interest Income	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		

	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Total Receipts	\$0.00
Total Receipts:	<u>\$17,380.00</u>	<u>\$4,480.00</u>	<u>(\$12,900.00)</u>	Disbursements:	
Disbursements:				Fall PDT	\$0.00
Spring Professional Train.	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	National-PDT	\$0.00
Fall Professional Train.	\$6,220.00	\$1,794.64	\$4,425.36	Member Support	\$15.00
Education-Non-PDT	\$2,105.00	\$0.00	\$2,105.00	Community Service	\$60.00
National PDT	\$2,750.00	\$2,409.32	\$340.68	Chapter Leadership	\$2.00
Membership Support	\$800.00	\$134.97	\$665.03	Certification	\$0.00
Early Careers	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	Chapter Award	\$0.00
Communications-Website	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Education Non-PDT	<u>\$0.00</u>
Chapter Leadership	\$100.00	\$78.00	\$22.00	Total Disbursements	<u>\$77.00</u>
Certification	\$850.00	\$338.44	\$511.56	December 31, 2019	<u>\$13,308.55</u>
Accountability and Outreach	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Checking	\$13,308.55
Community Service	\$125.00	\$60.00	\$65.00	Certificates of Deposit	<u>\$0.00</u>
Chapter Award	\$100.00	\$66.04	\$33.96	Total	<u>\$13,308.55</u>
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>		
Total Disbursements:	<u>\$17,850.00</u>	<u>\$4,881.41</u>	<u>\$12,968.59</u>		

2019-2020 CHAPTER OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Officers:	Name		Email
President	Ann Martinez	402-471-4135	ann.martinez@nebraska.gov
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